

## **DHANANI, SHAWKAT, MD, MPH**

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System  
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Geriatric, Research, Education, Clinical Ctr.  
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Division of Geriatrics  
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### **Primary Research Interests:**

- Geriatric assessment and patient screening
- Community outreach & VA access
- Interaction of herbal products and prescribed medications

### **Primary Research Methodologies:**

- Health services research, including economics

### **Primary Teaching Activities:**

- Geriatric medicine to internal medicine residents, geriatric medicine fellows, medical students and allied health trainees

### **Current Aging-related Research Interests:**

- Models of Geriatric Care
- Preventive Medicine

### **Recent Publications:**

- Dhanani S, Damon-Rodriguez J, Leung M, Villa VM, Washington DL, Makinodan T, Harada N. Community-Based Strategies for Focus Group Recruitment of Minority Veterans. *Military Medicine*, 2002, Vol 16, No. 6, 501-5
- Harada N, Villa VM, Damron-Rodriguez J, Washington D, Makinodan T, Dhanani S, Shon H, Liu Honghu, Andersen R. The influence of military service on outpatient care use among racial/ethnic groups in department of veterans affairs medical centers. *Military Medicine*, 2002, Vol 167, No 6, 501-531
- Ly J, Percy L, Dhanani S. Use of dietary supplements and their interactions with prescription drugs in the elderly. *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*, 2002, Vol 59, 1759-62.

### **Clinical Work:**

- Attending on GEM unit, General Medicine Ward and Geriatric clinic (VA GLAHS, WLA)

### **Community or Volunteer Service Relevant to Aging:**

- Member, Professional Assessment Committee, HUD, Hope for the Elderly Program
- Health screening & health education for the immigrant indigent population in Southern and Central California
- Executive Director, Americans for Elder Care Reform